



**Ever dream of becoming a Park Ranger? This year you can at Cumberland Gap!
Celebrate the 101st year of America's National Parks!
Be a second-century "Dream Ranger!"**



Uncover Centuries of Hidden History:

The *Dream Ranger History Series* reveals secrets of history! Learn how pioneers survived a 200-mile journey in freezing winter, the hiding place of American Indian warriors in the Gap, and where you can still find scars left upon the land from the Civil War. And so much more!



Explore the Mysteries of Nature:

The *Nature Series* transports Dream Rangers into the depths of the natural world... from *inside* the mountain, *onto* the forest floors and *into* the streams for a closer look at the mysteries of the natural world around us! Your role in the future of your national parks will come into focus like never before.



Learn a Mountain Culture Pioneer Skill:

Dream Rangers can acquire the skills of a real mountain pioneer in the *Mountain Culture Series*! Make a spring tonic, play a mountain dulcimer, cook up lye soap or a pioneer feast over the campfire, create a powder horn, split a shingle, or learn to engrave the metal when building a flintlock musket. And so much more!

Collect credits for each adventure and sign up for special Dream Ranger field trips offered this fall. Information on page 2.



Dare to Dream!!

Here are your Dream Ranger transcripts. Rack up credits each time you go on an adventure! Design your own course of study. It's your dream! Credits can earn you Dream Ranger Certificates and even an opportunity for special field trips in the fall. See steps below to be a Dream Ranger.

Transcripts For: _____ Address _____

Winter / Spring Semester

History Series							
Nature Series							
Culture Series							

Summer Semester

History Series							
Nature Series							
Culture Series							

Fall Semester

History Series							
Nature Series							
Culture Series							

1. Sign up as a Dream Ranger at the park visitor center
2. Attend adventures and have a ranger sign transcripts
3. Send us a copy of your transcripts by August 31st, 2017, summer's end

Field Trips: Ask about age restrictions

History Series - Along the Wilderness Road, October 7th

Nature Series - Obed Wild & Scenic River, September 23rd

Culture Series - Big South Fork River and Recreation Area, Sept 16th

Become a Dream Ranger in National Parks 101!

Start with one of These Orientation Adventure Tours



Focus on History



Focus on Nature



Focus on Culture

Gap Cave



On this two hour adventure *inside* the Cumberland Mountain, explore majestic stalagmites, colorful hanging stalactites, and flowstone shimmering with crystals!



Journey through Tall Man's Misery into the Music Room to search for the legend of Cudjo,

and then beyond a deep chasm, listen for whispers of Civil War soldiers! The brown bat and salamander will watch you from cave cracks and crevices as you wind your way through this beautiful underground cathedral.

Reservations are recommended and can be made up to one month in advance of the trip date by calling 606-246-1075.

Departs from the Daniel Boone parking area.

This tour involves a 1.5-mile walk; 183 steps must be negotiated within the cave. For the safety of all, no children under the age of five are permitted on the cave tour. Wearing of beach/flip flop sandals, crocs or high heeled dress shoes in the cave is not allowed.

Adults - \$8.00

Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$4.00

Visitors with Interagency Access Pass - \$4.00

Children twelve and under - \$4.00

April 16 - May 26

Weekends only

Depart 12:30 p.m.; return 2:30 p.m.

May 27 - September 30

Daily except Thursday

Depart 12:30 p.m.; return 2:30 p.m.

No cave tours will be offered August 22 or September 2



Hensley Settlement



Visit historic Hensley Settlement and walk into early 20th century Appalachia. Fence lined lanes lead you into the blacksmith's shop, springhouse, and one room school. In 1903, Sherman Hensley and Willie Gibbons joined forces to establish a homestead on the isolated mountaintop. Using hand tools to split chestnut logs, the settlers began to build homes; a thriving community soon emerged. The land, suitable for raising livestock and growing crops for liquid spirits, supported the community of twelve farmsteads for more than forty years.

Reservations are recommended and can be made up to one month in advance of the trip date by calling 606-246-1075.

Departs from the visitor center parking area; check in first inside the visitor center.

Visitors must be able to walk one mile through the settlement; comfortable clothing and walking shoes are a must. Bring a light snack and drink for the four hour tour. Service animals only; no other pets allowed on shuttle.

Adults - \$10.00

Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$5.00

Visitors with Interagency Access Pass - \$5.00

Children twelve and under - \$5.00

May 27 - October 31

Daily except Thursday

Depart 12:30 p.m.; return 4:30 p.m.

No Hensley tours offered August 13, 22, or September 2

February 18 Love and Hate

in the Forest During the Dead of Winter

Tree huggers will love this date with Tennessee State Forester Steve Roark as he takes you into the world of sleeping forests. Identifying trees in the winter can be tricky without their signature leaf patterns and tell-tale seeds and nuts. But on this short hike you'll not only *love* getting to know our forests' slumbering giants, you'll come to *hate* the hidden forces which lurk in the shadows waiting to destroy them! Warm clothing is a must.

Visitor center 1:00 p.m.



March 11 & 12 Surviving the March!



Could you? Could you survive a 200+ mile journey through rugged terrain, exposed to temperamental weather, alert for lurking wild animals and other challenges, while also carrying everything you need to survive the journey upon your back?

During this weekend, meet pioneers from the past *and the future* as you experience "Surviving the March!" In this living story of wilderness survival you will join the camp of pioneers from 1775, *and*, be transported into the future of trail survival in 2017! This is a perfect chance to compare YOUR survival techniques to those of two centuries ago.

Visitor center 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday - Meet 1775 pioneer Steve Ricker in his 18th century winter encampment, then meet modern day hiker Jan Brown as she prepares to hike the 2,200 miles of the Appalachian Trail.

Later this year, track "Jan's Journey" on our Facebook Page as she braves the wilderness from Georgia to Maine on the Appalachian Trail.

March 18 Woods Walk in Winter....



Join the winding and strenuous eight mile mountain woods walk and hear the tales of long gone people and places as you climb Cumberland Mountain from the "back side." From the Dark Ridge Overlook we'll climb to the Ridge Trail, head west to the Pinnacle then down to Fort McCook, and back along the Civil War trail known as the Harlan Road for the descent back to the Dark Ridge Overlook.

Meet at Dark Ridge Overlook Parking Area on Sugar Run Road (County Hwy 988) 9:00 a.m.



March 25 Bucking the Winter Blues

Have a down home stompin' good time and shed the winter blues on this day of old time mountain dance moves with dancer Tim Hensley! Tim will guide you through several styles of old mountain dance traditions including buck dancing, flatfootin', and more that mesh perfectly with the bluegrass tunes you love. Whether this is your first time flatfootin' or you are a seasoned professional you won't believe how much fun it is to "Buck the Winter Blues" to old time bluegrass tunes.

Visitor center 10:00 a.m. – Noon Formal Instruction
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drop in at your leisure and dance

April Sunrise Spectacular!!



Enjoy the spectacular sunrise from the Pinnacle Overlook every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in April! Gate will open at 6:00 a.m. Bring your coffee, camera, and binoculars.

April 8
Begging Life from Mother Earth...



From food to fire, and all things essential to living, people long ago looked to the earth to supply their needs. April signals the time for planting. When all which is grown *is harvested*, one must have vessels in which to store and cook the bounty. Sit with living historian Jacqueline Fischer as she teaches the old tradition of coaxing a beautiful cooking pot from Mother Earth's clay. Create your own clay pot in the morning and fire it over an open fire in the afternoon. **Register ahead of time to make your own clay pot or just stop by and watch.**

Visitor center 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

April 11
Tales From the Vault

Celebrate National Librarian Day during this full moon hike! Join Middlesboro librarian Bonnie Banks as she reveals forgotten tales hidden in the "Vault" of the Middlesboro Library called the History Room.

Centuries of the Cumberland Gap's history are remembered inside the dusty volumes filling the room's shelves! You can never tell what wild tales this mild mannered librarian may share in the darkness along the one mile round trip journey into the Gap.



Thomas Walker parking area 8:00 p.m.

April 15
Time for a Swig of Spring Tonic



Springtime in the mountains, old granny women gave their families a swig of spring tonic tea to jog a sluggish wintertime state of mind and body. Gathering "yarbs," roots, tree bark, and flowers, these herb doctors made natural concoctions that warded off sickness or calamity. Join mountain woman Kim Farrell for a morning class in making your own Comfrey salve. In the afternoon, Kim will reveal the healing powers of mountain herbal teas. **Register ahead of time to participate in the 10:00 a.m. salve making class.**

Visitor center 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Celebrate Earth Day

April 14 Friday

No camera? No problem!

A Smart Phone can save the day!

Join photographer Josh Moore to learn how to get the best out of your smart phone when photographing nature!

Iron Furnace parking area

6:00 p.m.

April 15 Saturday

Wildflower Photography Workshop Hike

Photographer Harold Jerrell leads this short hike to learn nature photography techniques.

Campground amphitheater

8:00 a.m.

April 15 Saturday

Wildflower Search on Boone's Trace

Tennessee State Forester Steve Roark leads this hike along an ancient trail to find species of flowers seen by Daniel Boone and the pioneers.

Campground entrance parking area

10:00 a.m.

May 6

The War on Water

One national park...
Cumberland Gap.

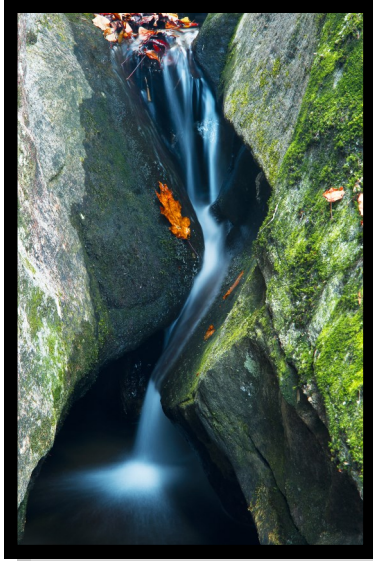
Two water sources
originate within or pass
through its
boundaries...on the one
side of Cumberland
Mountain Gap Creek,
and on the other side,
Fern Lake.

The waters flow into two
different states....
Tennessee and
Kentucky.

Two local communities
hang in the balance of
the national park resources for their drinking water as it
emerges from the park's pristine karst topography.
Neighbors in outlying areas also depend on springs and
wells in this amazing karst landscape. Who is drinking the
cleanest water? Wear your wading shoes and add a touch
of orange for Tennessee or a touch of blue for Kentucky.
Which stream will win this contest for best water quality?

Bartlett Park Picnic Area

Water quality testing competition 10:00 a.m. - Noon
See the results visitor center from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



May 10

Tales From the Vault

Join this mystery filled short
walk into the tales of treasure
on the mountain next door at
Pine Mountain State Resort
Park!

Pine Mountain State
Resort Park Lodge
8:00 p.m.



May 12 - 14

Raid on Martin's Station

The 18th century Virginia frontier comes alive like never
before. Frontier cultures clash and the flames of war ignite
once again as you witness the firing of muskets, visit the
Cherokee warrior and Colonial militia camps, and shop at
the 18th century market faire!

Wilderness Road State Park Hwy 58

Open all three days 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Battles Saturday 1:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

May 20

**Armed Forces Day;
Warriors Through the Centuries Timeline**

Cumberland Gap has had war come to its
doorstep both when it was the Virginia frontier and during
the Civil War.

But, Virginia,
Kentucky, and
Tennessee have also
sent sons to fight in
wars across the globe.
Join us during this
Armed Forces Day and
pay tribute to those who
have kept us free.



Visitor center 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

May 27

**Summer Kickoff
Musical Memories of Appalachia**

Sense a new understanding of the word
Appalachia.

Be swallowed up in musical traditions
of our mountain homeland
during this sizzling summer kickoff!



Oh Play Me Some Mountain Music!

Join Ranger Brittony Beason and try your hand at
playing the mountain dulcimer. Brittony comes from a
traditional Appalachian family and will show you just
how easy it is to play this unique instrument!

Visitor center

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Like Grandma and Grandpa Use to Play!

Ted Olson is a favorite musician among mountain
people. A professor of Appalachian Studies
and music history, Ted's tunes will awaken
the slumbering mountain heritage in us all.

Campground amphitheater

8:00 p.m.



Additional programs may be added.

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